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Club Officers

May Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2012 - McKenzie Landing

Attendees: Gail Keup, Ben Keup, George Kuechle, Paul Kipping, Emily Gall, Jim Barshack, Pat Johnson, Rick Long, Rich Danielson, Ron Johnson, Buck Glewe

Treasurer's Report

I need a balance, can you please look at your docs from last meeting?

Trail Maintenance Report

We have installed our own fuel tank at the maintenance building. There were some concerns about the location of the tank in relationship to the building and the well.

Secretary's Report

We now have a Lakes and Pines web site. Please take the time to visit www.wilakespines.com. Please send comments and suggestions to Brian O'Toole at botoole@centurytel.net.

Questions about ATV trail use in Scott Township have been asked. The most updated information available is that a referendum cannot be held before November of this year.

Vice President's Report

Looking into hiring an on-call maintenance person to help with up-keep at the maintenance building. As long as they are not paid more than \$800.00/year, we can do so without having an "employee". George will be discussing this opportunity with a community member. Motion carried to pursue this opportunity. 2 opposed.

President

Gail Keup

Vice President

George Kuechle

Treasurer

Paul Kipping

Secretary

Emily Gall

Membership

Brian O'Toole

Fundraising

Tina Childers

Grooming

Larry Main

Trail Maintenance

Ben Keup

NEXT MEETING

July 14th, 2012

9:00AM

at Lipsie Pines

This is also the

ELECTIONS

for President, Trails,

Membership, and

Secretary

May Meeting Minutes (continued)

New Business

Ron Johnson is looking into the possibility of creating a loan situation for the county. His thought is that our CD is not being used, and we may be able to get a better interest rate and see the money be put to good use, if we loan the money to the county.

Old Business

Larry main brought up the possibility of creating a PR fund for local businesses who are hosting snowmobile related events. The businesses would need to present their request to the board and members at a General Membership Meeting, and the request would need to be approved. \$2,000.00 will be budgeted towards this. Motion carried.

The posting of a sign at the trail maintenance building was again discussed. Some were concerned about letting the general public know that was our building, due to the expensive equipment that is housed there. However, we do host the annual chicken barbeque there, so it is safe to assume many already are aware that that is our building. Buck will be looking into the cost of a sign from a local business off of Highway 70 in Spooner.

Election of Officers

The Lakes & Pines Snow Trail's Offices up for re-election are:

- President**
- Trail Maintenance**
- Membership**
- Secretary**

Simply attend the General Membership meeting and throw your hat in the ring for any of these positions.

The candidate who wins the majority vote will assume that position.

Calendar

July 14th, 2012

**Membership Meeting &
ELECTION OF CLUB
OFFICERS**

**Lipsie Pines Tavern
Meeting starts at 9AM**

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Understanding the Ins and Outs of Wisconsin's Snowmobile Program

Wisconsin's expansive snowmobile trail system, with over 22,000 miles of trail, is considered to be one of the best in the country. As club members, we play an integral part in the development and maintenance of the trails, yet many of us don't truly understand how the snowmobile program is funded, where the funds are spent and who makes the decisions for allocating program money.

Over the next few months, we will be answering some of the most frequently asked questions by club members and the general public about the program. It is hoped that with knowledge in hand our members can better understand the roles of the various organizations, government departments and advisory councils play, where our program money comes from and how it is spent, and why there are financial shortfalls in funding. We'll also be discussing the proposed Snowmobile Trail Enhancement Program (STEP), first introduced under the name Club Assistance Program (CAP), and how it has been refined to better address the shortfalls of the program while answering the concerns of the DNR and elected officials. This month's focus will be on how the snowmobile program is funded.

Are trails funded using my club and AWSC dues?

The dues you pay to your local club and the \$10 of those dues that are paid to the AWSC are not used in the funded trail program. They are used to maintain the respective organizations. Club dues support the local club, which is our only source of volunteers that actually do the work on the trails, thus making our clubs the providers of the trails for all users. The volunteers' role includes contacting landowners to secure leases, brushing, marking, grooming, taking down trails, etc.

The AWSC is responsible for representing the interests of club members on the state and national level. It serves as a watchdog for how our snowmobile dollars are spent, addresses proposed legislation that affects snowmobiling, assists the clubs with local issues and provides the magazine to communicate with the members. Most clubs are members of their county snowmobile organization, and your county selects a director and representative to sit on the AWSC board. The directors and reps are charged with bringing the concerns of their county to the AWSC board meetings, held four times each year, and to take back information discussed at the board meetings to their clubs.

Where does the money in the Snowmobile Fund come from?

The dollars that go to Wisconsin's snowmobile trail program come from the registration you pay on

your snowmobile, currently \$30 for a 2-year registration, the Wisconsin state gas tax based on

whatever the tax is for that given year (currently .309 cents per gallon) on 50 gallons of gas, plus a

40% tourism factor on 50 gallons of gas tax. The fund also receives revenue from a non-resident trail

sticker (user fee) that is to be paid by anyone with a snowmobile currently registered out of state using

our trail system without a current Wisconsin snowmobile registration on their snowmobile.

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More frequently asked questions in the next issue.

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Any member of Lakes & Pines that wishes to place a small classified ad for snowmobile related items in our newsletter, please contact Emily at shopbar2011@gmail.com

Classified ads will be run for 3 months, or until the item sells, whichever comes first

This is a FREE service to any an all of our members!

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